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**Special
Issue!
Nevada
Literacy
Coalition**

Editor's note: This special issue was written by NLC's energetic new Coordinator, Susan Graf, to describe the many new and ongoing activities and resources available to assist Nevada's adult educators.

NLC Services

- Web site: <http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla/literacy> (Note: we realize this is a l-o-n-g address, but enter it once and bookmark/favorites!)
- Listservs or Discussion Lists
 - Adult Basic Education
 - Library Literacy (including volunteer programs)
 - Family Literacy
 - Advocacy and Lobbying

To sign up for any of these topics, or suggest another area of interest, e-mail sfgraf@clan.lib.nv.us

- e-Newsletter: *Speaking Volumes* will launch in Fall 2001
- LINCS: www.nifl.gov/lincs, the Literacy Information and Communications System, is a service of NIFL (National Institute for Literacy). Curriculum resources, statistics, events, and more from the Western Pacific group, which includes Nevada.
- The *Directory of Non-Profit Literacy Providers* has changed! An updated, expanded listing of literacy service providers, sites, instructional resources, and student services is now available at our Web site (see above). The listing is organized by county; a separate listing of ESL providers in Clark County is available in print form.

QUESTIONS? Need additional
information? Please contact:

- Susan Graf, Coordinator, or
- JoAnne Goena, Program Assistant
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*We are making a lot of changes at the NLC and hope that you will take
advantage of our services, programs, and resources!*

State Literacy Resource Center (SLRC)



NLC Coordinator Susan Graf

The Nevada Literacy Coalition (NLC) maintains a lending library designed to support adult basic education administrators, teachers, and tutors. There are some materials that are appropriate for adult students' direct use, too. Books, videos, audiocassettes, combination packs, teaching and curriculum kits, and more are available for your use!

Please feel free to call and schedule a visit to the SLRC. We are open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and can arrange tours on other days and times to meet your specific needs. There are limited scholarships for travel to visit the Center; just call for further information. The NLC offers a wide variety of training opportunities that include tours of the SLRC (see "Programs" on the last page).

Inter-Library Loan provides access anywhere

If you cannot personally visit the SLRC, use the State Library Inter-Library Loan (ILL) program for free access to our collection. This feature allows you to borrow materials for a month, utilizing a system linking all public libraries in Nevada.

If you live in any county outside Clark or Washoe:

1. Go to the web site, www.clan.lib.nv.us. (Bookmark or Add to Favorites for easy reference.)
2. You will see a search screen that can be used to find materials in the SLRC and public libraries in Nevada. These search options include:
KEYWORD: This will find a specific word or combination of words anywhere in the title. Example: computation or family literacy.
BROWSE: This gives options to look in any category.
AUTHOR: Enter the author's name — last name first, then first name. Example: Trelease, James.
TITLE: Drop the words "a," "an," or "the" and enter the rest of the title.
3. After you select the book or other material, simply click on the "HOLD REQUEST" icon. Input your library barcode (numbers on the back of the card), password (obtained from your local library), and select the library where you want to pick up your materials.
4. Your local library will call you when the materials arrive. Simply return the materials to the library before the due date and they will be shipped back to Carson City.
5. You may call the SLRC (800-445-9673) should you need additional time to use the materials. We can renew items one time, providing an additional three weeks.

If you live in Washoe or Clark County:

Steps 1 and 2 are the same. Once you select your materials, cut and paste the call number, title, and author listed for the materials you wish to check out. Paste this information on a separate document and print out your listing of materials. Take it to your local branch library and request the materials through INTER-LIBRARY LOAN (ILL) at the library.

Again, the library will contact you when the materials arrive. Depending on the library system's policies, we may be able to renew items if you need additional time.

WE REALIZE THAT THIS SYSTEM HAS SEVERAL STEPS! However, the reason we utilize the public library's ILL system is to save your program the cost of returning materials to us. We want you to use the SLRC resources often — and save you postage and shipping fees.

New multimedia workstation

This summer we added a state-of-the-art computer workstation that you can use to preview and review software products. We have ordered a wide variety of CD-ROMs and other electronic resources that you might find helpful in your classrooms and computer labs. During your visit to the SLRC, please plan time to use this new feature of our Center.

Programs include a new Kurzweil program that utilizes a scanner with a computer to allow vision-impaired students access to printed products such as books, magazines, or lesson plan materials. Learning programs include grammar, reading, math, spelling, and more. A complete listing of programs will be available in August; just call and we'll send you a copy.

We will also be compiling demonstration CD-ROMs from vendors for your convenience.

ERIC descriptors

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) is a national information system designed to provide ready access to an extensive body of education-related literature. This summer we are completing the ERIC descriptor project, adding ERIC terms to the keywords you can use to search the SLRC library database. These terms are also used in the library, with all materials color-coded and shelved in the following twelve categories:

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| • Administration | • Staff Development | • Learning Disabilities/ Special Needs |
| • Workplace Literacy | • Daily Living Skills | • Family Literacy |
| • Communication Skills | • Computation | • High School Equivalency Programs |
| • Religious Studies | • Library Skills | • English (Second Language) |

New items at the SLRC

The NLC has purchased some wonderful new materials applicable to two important education issues: change and learning disabilities. These materials are available through inter-library loan from your State Literacy Resource Center (SLRC).

We asked Debbie White, a seasoned consultant to adult educators nationwide, for recommendations on materials regarding change. Here are Debbie's recommendations and why she likes them:

- *Managing Transitions*, William Bridges: An excellent "how to" guide for managing large organizational change. If you can only buy one of William Bridges books, this is the one to buy!
- *The Tipping Point*, Malcom Gladwell: This new book addresses how things change and what it takes to create real changes. I think it is a "must read" because it challenges some familiar notions about what is required to create massive change. This book argues that some small shifts can sometimes result in surprising changes.

The SLRC has purchased materials on learning disabilities ranging from self-help, job maintenance skills for the learning disabled, succeeding in college, teaching strategies, and tutoring strategies. Of special note: *Bright Solutions for Dyslexia*: Three videos ranging from research-based definitions, causes, warning signs, diagnostic tests, and 20 practical, no-cost accommodations that regular teachers in the mainstream classroom may use to help their dyslexic students succeed.



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NLC Programs

Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Program

This summer we are unveiling a new training system that includes a one-day training workshop, a new training manual, and a certification process that will include attending the workshop and volunteering as a tutor with a literacy program. Call the NLC for more information.

Annual Literacy Awards

In October 2002, the Literacy Awards will be held in conjunction with the annual Nevada Adult Education Association conference. We will continue to publish *Success Stories* and to provide videotaped interviews of selected tutors and students.

Community Collaborations

Special statewide training opportunities for community-based organizations will help strengthen local partnerships and create new coalitions for literacy services.

Workshops at the Nevada Literacy Coalition/State Literacy Resource Center

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| ? Orientation to the SLRC | ? Board Development |
| ? Data & Demographics | ? Outcome-based Evaluation |
| ? Grant Funders & Foundations | ? Building Literacy at Your Library |
| ? LINCS - Literacy Information & Communications System | |